# NEVADA STATE SEAL OF BILITERAGY

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#### WHAT IS THE SEAL OF BILITERACY?

• The State Seal of Biliteracy is a recognition given to graduating high school students who have attained a high level of proficiency in one or more languages in addition to English.



#### **FAST FACTS**

- Begins with the graduating class of 2016
- Applies to seniors who took AP and/or IB exams during their junior year, and passed!
- Does not affect requirements for graduation
- The Seal is affixed to the HS diploma
- The Seal in the specific language is added to the official transcript



#### ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

I.All students should receive information on the Seal of Biliteracy upon entering middle and high school settings so that they are able to organize their schedules and meet the requirements to receive this honor.



#### ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

- 2. Earning the Seal of Biliteracy:
- A. Students must complete four years of English language arts with at least a 2.0 grade point average, on a 4.0 scale.
- B. Students must successfully pass required assessments required for graduation according to NRS 289.805



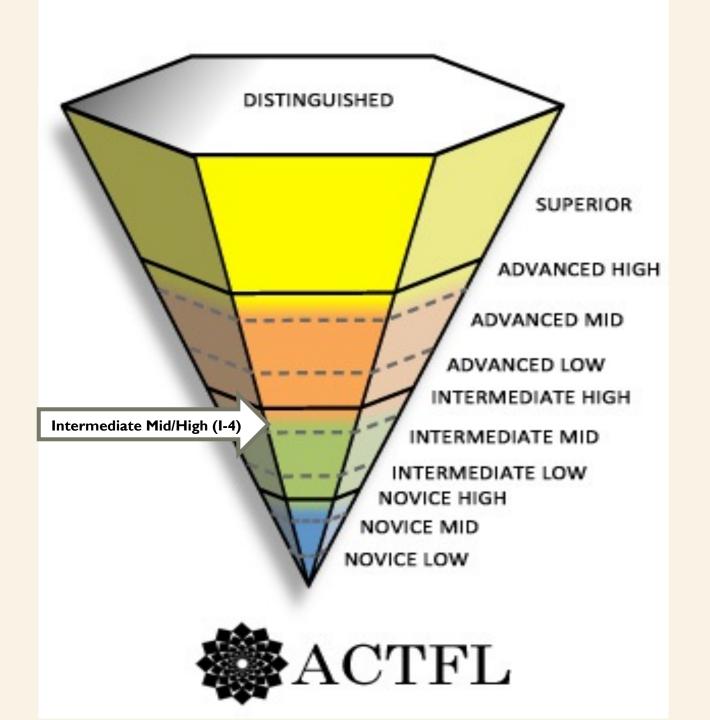
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- 2. Earning the Seal of Biliteracy:
- C. Demonstrate proficiency in one or more approved world language other than English. The following language assessments must be taken prior to the graduation date.



# AAPPL – ACTFL ASSESSMENT OF PERFORMANCE TOWARD PROFICIENCY IN LANGUAGES

Students may pass the AAPPL with a minimum score of I-4 in all four domains (interpersonal listening and speaking, interpretive listening, interpretive reading, & presentational writing). I-4 is intermediate mid/high on ACTFL's scale of language proficiency. Results are released approximately two weeks after students take the exam.



### PROFICIENCY IN WORLD LANGUAGES

Students must score a minimum of I-4 in all four domains:

- -Interpersonal Listening & Speaking
- -Interpretive Listening
- -Interpretive Reading
- -Presentational Writing



#### **AP EXAM**

Students may pass the AP World Language exam with a minimum score of 3. Results are released in July.



#### IB EXAM

Students may pass the IB World Language exam with a minimum score of 4. Results are released in July.



#### OPI - ORAL PROFICIENCY INTERVIEW

For languages not offered on the AAPPL, AP, or IB exams, students may register for the OPI, which is administered on the phone. Students must score intermediate high to qualify for the Seal. There are over 100 languages offered for the OPI.



#### OTHER LANGUAGES?

• Details will be released in the future regarding a language assessment test for Paiute and American Sign Language.



#### RECOGNITION AT GRADUATION

• Students must receive their scores before graduation in order to be recognized at the ceremony. Students are encouraged to participate in the AAPPL even if they are taking AP and/or IB exams.

#### SEAL OF BILITERACY

• The Nevada State Seal of Biliteracy will be affixed to the high school diploma by a school official.

• The Seal will be added to the transcript of the graduating senior, with the designation in the specific language.



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